



**STATE OF WASHINGTON  
GAMBLING COMMISSION**

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May 13, 2014

To: House-banked card rooms, Class F card rooms, and manufacturers, distributors and gambling service supplier licensees of digital video recording equipment.

Subject: **NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO CARD GAME RULES**  
WAC 230-15-295 Digital video recording equipment requirements.

The Washington State Gambling Commission has entered into the initial stage of rule making to revise WAC 230-15-295. See page three for the full text of the proposed rule change.

Staff is proposing to revise the digital video recording equipment rule for Class F and house-banked card rooms. Existing card rooms would only have to meet the new requirements if they buy new digital video recording equipment. New card rooms would have to meet these new requirements. The proposed changes would require:

- Video recording and playback of images to have sufficient magnification and clarity to show fluid motion and allow the viewer to clearly distinguish the value of currency, coins, gaming chips, playing cards, and outcome of the game and effectively monitor in detail all areas requiring video coverage.
- Each user must sign in with their own ID and password.
- The system must have an audio or visual indication of a system malfunction.
- The system must record the date and time when:
  - Users log in and out of system; and
  - Video signals from gaming cameras are interrupted and when connection is restored; and
  - Video is recorded to removable storage media along with the date, time, and camera being copied including the user at the time; and
  - System failure occurs; and
  - Remote access to the system begins and ends along with the ability to identify the person or organization accessing the system and the files accessed during the remote access.

Please see our website under Rules and Laws / Notification Letters to view the Small Business Economic Impact Statement.

**Public Comment:** Please submit your comments by **June 13, 2014**.

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We have tentatively scheduled the proposed rule change to be considered at the July 11, 2014, Study Session and be up for discussion and possible filing at the August 15, 2014, Commission meeting. Visit our website about two weeks before each meeting to confirm meeting dates and start times. Commission meetings are open to the public and you are invited to attend.

For questions, please contact Susan Newer, Rules Coordinator, e-mail above or (360) 486-3466.

Amendatory Section:

**WAC 230-15-295 Digital video recording equipment requirements.**

Digital recording, including audio recording where required, using ((a)) digital video recording and storage system, must:

- (1) Record all images on a hard drive; and
- (2) Lock so that access to the erase and reformat functions and system data files is restricted to persons authorized in the internal controls; and
- (3) Provide uninterrupted recording of surveillance, during playback or copying. Licensees may use motion-activated recording; and
- (4) Be capable of copying original images maintaining the original native format; and
- (5) Be stored at a rate of not less than twenty-five images per second; and
- (6) Record images at a minimum resolution of 320 x 240 and display during playback at a minimum resolution of 640 x 480 or meet (11)(d) below; and
- (7) Store images in a format that is readable by our computer equipment; and
- (8) Store images in a format that we can verify and authenticate; and
- (9) Include the accurate time and date the video was originally recorded on the recorded images; and

(10) Be equipped with an uninterruptible power source to allow a proper system shutdown.

(11) Meet the additional requirements below, if you open a new Class F or house-banked card room using digital video recording equipment or install new digital video recording equipment in your existing Class F or house-banked card room. However, if you buy an existing card room you will not be required to meet these requirements until you install new digital video recording equipment.

(a) Each user must have a sign in with a unique ID and password that is not shared with other users; and

(b) Have an audio or visual indication of a malfunction, and

(c) Digital video recording equipment must track at least the following functions, which are available to us and a person designated by the licensee to oversee the equipment (system administrator) by a menu button on the digital video recording system:

- i. Date and time users log in and out; and
- ii. Date and time when video signals from gaming cameras are interrupted and when connection is restored; and
- iii. Date, time, and user when video is recorded to removable storage media along with the date, time, and camera being copied; and
- iv. Date and time when the equipment fails to record video or audio when required; and
- v. Date and time when remote access to equipment begins and ends along with the ability to identify the person or organization accessing, the equipment and the files accessed during the remote access.

(d) Record and playback images with sufficient magnification and clarity that shows fluid motion and allows the viewer to clearly distinguish the value of currency, coins, gaming chips, playing cards, and outcome of the game and effectively monitor in detail all required areas.